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HONOR CODE FOR WESLEYAN TO BE STRENGTHENED

Pledge for Strict Enforcement Is Signed by Twenty-seven Juniors and Seniors

MANY CHANGES ARE MADE

Reporting of Violations Is Made Vital Part of System

A revision of the honor system at Wesleyan has once more brought up the question of the ethics of reporting violations of the system by students, reports the Wesleyan **Argus**. Twenty-seven juniors and seniors have signed a pledge to see that the honor system is enforced in its strictest sense.

The cause of the discussion lies in the extensive revisions of the honor system as adopted by the student Senate. The changes provide for the elimination of student ratification each year, altering the penalties to be imposed, and creating a definite plan of reporting violations of the system. The system will be enforced by the student committee in the case of all written examinations and other work done in class, and by the faculty in such work as essays or laboratory reports.

Every man matriculated as a student at Wesleyan will be subject to the honor system, thus removing the matter from the jurisdiction of the college body after the final ratification.

In classroom work, freshmen shall be suspended for two weeks for a first offense. Upperclassmen, on first offense, shall be suspended for not less than four weeks, and shall lose all credit for the semester's work. Dismissal without honor shall be the penalty for all men on second offense. Convictions for violations in essays and laboratory work shall be made by the faculty, which shall recommend definite penalties to the student committee. Penalties shall range, in all cases, from flunking the course, as a minimum, to dismissal without honor, as the maximum. Penalties as formerly shall be imposed immediately upon conviction, and the names of the offenders posted on the college bulletin board.

It was further definitely recommended that it would be considered the duty of every student to report any violation of the system that he observes. The name of the accuser will, in all cases, be kept absolutely secret.

It was this last recommendation that created the discussion, and, to further the cause, twenty-seven of the more prominent juniors and seniors signed a pledge reading:

"We, the undersigned, believe that the maintenance of the honor system is vitally necessary for the morale of Wesleyan. We believe that a violation of the honor system is not merely an individual matter, but that it is an offense against the whole student body and should be considered as such. If, after fair warning, any student has so

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Davenport Prominent In Political Affairs

Congressman Frederick M. Davenport of this district, Hamilton Professor of Law and Civil Polity, absent on leave, addressed the Worcester Economic Club of Worcester, Mass., this last week on the question of adequate control of public utilities, particularly the electrical utilities.

Washington dispatches say that Congressman Davenport will make three addresses under the auspices of the University of California at the Foreign Affairs Conference to be held in California, December 12, 13 and 14. He will speak on the foreign policy of this country and on the strengthening and reorganization of the state department.

Congressman Davenport made a speech in the last session of Congress concerning the needs of the Department of State. It attracted attention and is resulting in changes being proposed by the committee on foreign affairs of much significance to the future of that department and to the management of the foreign affairs of the United States.

Congressman Davenport is a member of the Ways and Means Committee which will begin its activities after the first of January, when a new tariff bill will be considered

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Thursday, :30—**John Milton** (Professor R Truax Hall).
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Friday, 3:30—**John Keats** (Professor Rudd, Truax Hall).
Saturday, 10:30—**Thoreau** (Professor Ristine, Truax Hall).

HILL DEBATERS TO MEET OXFORD

League of Nations to Be Subject of Debate, December 12

On Wednesday evening, December 12, in the second debate of the year, the Hamilton debating team will meet Oxford in the Chapel. In what will be Oxford's first appearance on the Hill since 1925, the two teams will debate the question, Resolved, That the United States should enter the League of Nations.

Lloyd V. Almirall, '29; Francis E. Mineka, '29; and William C. Stevens, '29 will represent Hamilton, while Dingle M. Foot, A. T. Lennox-Boyd, and C. S. M. Brereton will speak for Oxford, upholding the affirmative of the proposition. This forensic encounter will be the fourth international debate to be held on the Hill.

The Oxford team has been touring the country all Fall, meeting the teams of various universities and colleges. Debating the question of the League of Nations, the Englishmen have already defeated the teams of Columbia and Williams. When Oxford last came to Hamilton in 1925, the local team won the decision.

The question for debate is very timely, in light of the bearing that the recent Kellogg Peace Pact may have upon our attitude toward entrance into the League. The whole question of international peace is involved, and should be the subject of much consideration by the Senate when it comes to ratify the treaty.

The English speakers are all graduates of Oxford and men of wide experience, having been presidents at one time of the Oxford Union. The intense competition for places upon the Oxford team insures the ability of the representatives, who are among the best that Oxford can produce. They are appearing for the first time in America this Fall.

All three of the Hamilton debaters are members of Delta Sigma Rho, the national forensic fraternity, and have had considerable experience in debating in past years. Mr. Mineka has previously appeared in an international debate, that with the team of the British Union last season.

The English debaters have a totally different style from that of American speakers. They attack a proposition in a very delightful and entertaining manner, relying more often on wit than upon sound argument. The contrast between the two styles of argument is in itself a matter of considerable interest, quite aside from the merits of the debate.

The speeches will all be fifteen minutes in length, with one refutation for each side. Mr. Almirall will present the rebuttal for the Hamilton team.

The debate will be open to the public, no tickets being used this year. In past appearances of the English teams, they have always been greeted by capacity audiences. The decision will be rendered at the close of the debate, by audience vote, judging solely on the merits of the question as presented by the two teams.

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Don't Go to Lectures, Says Visiting Oxford Debater

"Don't go to lectures, and don't read the books your tutor tells you to," was the private philosophy of Mr. Dingle M. Foot, one of the Oxford debaters now in this country, as revealed in an interview with a reporter of the Williams Record.

"When a man goes up to Oxford," said Mr. Foot, "he goes to a few lectures to see how he likes them. If he thinks he can learn more out of a book, he doesn't go any more. As a result, only women go to lectures—and they only get thirds and fourths for their trouble."

"Degrees are given this way. If a man wants to do some hard work, it is there to be done, and he may take a first class degree. About one in thirty does. If the rest don't want to, no one seems to care."

"You will find the coffee houses

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LATEST WHO'S WHO LISTS 72 GRADUATES OF HAMILTON

Educators Number Largest Group of Alumni Notables—Lawyers, Journalists, Clergymen, and Judges Next—40 Are Phi Betta Kappa Men, Three Valedictorians

Who's Who in America, the widely accepted catalogue of American notables both here and abroad, lists 72 Hamilton alumni.

The book, which contains short biographies of all the living men in this country who have made singular achievements in various fields, reveals that Hamilton has been chiefly successful in producing educators, since twenty claim fame for scholastic or collegiate endeavors. Among the other Hamilton men there are eight lawyers, eight journalists, eight clergyman and seven judges listed, but after this the figures dwindle rapidly and no occupation claims more than three.

Slightly more than half of the Hamilton celebrities, 40 in all, are Phi Beta Kappa men, three are valedictorians and two salutatorians, indicating that achievement out of college closely parallels success within. Nine Pentagon men are included in the list, which is probably a bit more than would be accorded that organization by chance. In most cases the men who achieved both Pentagon and Phi Beta Kappa made their mark in the world.

Of the three valedictorians mentioned, Elihu Root, '64, is former secretary of state; Thomas H. Norton, '73, after a long diplomatic career is editor of a chemistry journal; and George S. Webster, '78, is a clergyman and secretary of the American Seaman's Friend Association. Of the two salutatorians ,Anthony H. Evans, '82, is pastor of the West Park Church in New York City and W. H. Hotchkiss, '86, is a prominent lawyer who was instrumental in calling together the Progressive Party Convention at Chicago in 1912.

If fame is to be judged by the length of one's biography, and in this case it apparently is, Elihu Root, '64, is the greatest of Hamilton's great men and William M. Collier, '89, former ambassador to Chili deserves second place.

Sudden fame, which is usually accounted for more by briliancy than by long and consistent efforts has come to John V. A. Weaver, who as a member of the Class of '14 is apparently the youngest Hamilton man listed in **Who's Who.** Alexander Woollcott, '09 is next in order with Paul B. Williams, '08, third. All of the above are writers. Mr. Weaver is an author and former literary editor of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Mr. Woolcott is a dramatic critic of metropolitan fame, and Mr. Williams is editor-in-chief of the **Utica Daily Press.**

Three living Hamilton graduates have become college presidents. M. Woolsey Stryker, '72, is a former president of Hamilton, Charles O. Gray, '90, is president of Tusculum College and Ralph W. Swetman, '07, is president of Humboldt State Teachers College. Of the remaining educators, most of whom are college professors, there are historians, astronomers, public speaking teachers, philosophers, grammarians and botanists listed.

In general Hamilton men have proved themselves extremely versatile. Most of them, particularly the lawyers, have contributed to the political development of America, and many held important governmental positions during the World War. Two biographies were particularly unusual. One Hamilton man made a 12,000-mile journey on foot through Europe and Asia, exploring some hitherto unknown parts of the earth, returned to Asia Minor and held several consular and diplomatic posts, and then ended his career by becoming an American chemist and editor of a chemistry trade journal. A second after manufacturing fishing tackle for several years became a teacher of History and Greek.

Of those who became famous through work in surgery, there are only three. One, W. P. Northrup, '72, became a professor of embryology; a second, N. E. Paine, '74, became the inventor of a widely-used surgical device, and a third, G. E. Brewer, '81, is a former president of the American Surgeons' Association.

One of the most famous alumni, if research is to be considered, is Edward Skinner King, '87, who as a member of the Harvard College faculty and as head of the Mount Wilson Observatory Station, has contributed greatly to the sum of knowledge in astronomy. Another who has achieved fame in both literary and educational fields is Chester S. Lord, '73, who is a former chancellor of the University of the State of New York. Hon. Joseph I. France, primarily a physician, who after serving as a prisoner in a Russian camp, returned to the United States and became a senator, also has an interesting history.

The complete list of living Hamilton alumni listed in **Who's Who** is as follows:

Educators: Charles R. Dryer, '71; M. Woolsey Stryker, '72; Jermain F. Porter, '73; Edward S. Burgess, '79; Mattoon M. Curtis, '80; Archibald C. McLachlin, '81; Irving F. Wood, '85; Edward Fitch, '86; Edward Skinner King, '87; Charles H. Smyth, Jr., '88; Calvin L. Lewis, '90; Charles O. Gray, '90; William Pierce Shepard, '92; William H. Church, '92; Theodore Collier, '94; Theodore G. Burt, '95; James A. Winans, '97; John B. MacHarg, '00;

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Lack of Cold Weather Hampers Hockey Squad

The hockey squad has completed another week of practice in the gymnasium and still its anxious hope for ice is unfulfilled. Although the Hill was visited by a cold spell for a day or two last week, not enough cold weather has yet been experienced to provide ice.

The squad, which at present numbers seventeen men, has been working four times a week in the gym since the football season ended. The practices have consisted of drills on wielding the stick and handling the puck, with special emphasis being laid on lifting the puck.

For the first few games the team will be without the services of Captain Schneider, star defense man, and Wilson, a promising recruit from last year's freshman team. Both of these men are crippled as a result of injuries received in the Union football game and will not be able to join the squad for several weeks.

As soon as the squad is able to get on the ice, Coach Prettyman will start forming the first sextet. Although the competition for all places on the team is very keen, Ingalls, '29, offensive star, seems sure of his wing berth; while Baker, '29, and Birch, '30, will probably see plenty of action in the other offensive positions.

Although the schedule for the coming season has not yet been announced, the first contest, weather conditions permitting, will probably be played on December 15.

Prospects Bright for Buff and Blue Fencers

With two weeks of hard training already accounted for, prospects for another successful fencing season appear very favorable. Nineteen men from last year's squad have reported to Coach Gelas, and these, augumented by a delegation of 33 men from the freshman class, would indicate a formidible squad for the 1928-29 season.

The former foils team of Capt. Neimeyer, Sarles, and Best will be greatly weakened this year by the latter's loss. This vacancy will be contested by Bannerman, Hartman, Britten, Nichols, Polhemus and Eggleston. The personnel of the saber group consists of Westerberg, Vermilya, Carson, Miller, Frazee and Williams, all of whom have had experience as members of last year's squad. The epee division is made up of Ferry, Puglisi, Bailey and Hancock, also of last year's squad, and who will undoubtedly be seen in action during the season.

Although all three divisions were weakened by losses through graduation, Coach Gelas states that the fencing material this year looks very good, particular promise being shown in the freshman group.

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George T. Farley, '28, is teaching English in Holland Patent High School.

Calendar

Thursday
Choir Practice at 7:45.
Friday
Basketball with Clarkson at Potsdam.
Saturday
Basketball with St. Lawrence at Canton.
Sunday
Chapel Preacher, Rev. Peter Kenneth Emmons, Scranton, Pa.

COURT SEASON TO OPEN THIS WEEK

Basketball Team Meets Clarkson and St. Lawrence In First Trip

Two road engagements, Clarkson at Potsdam, Friday, and St. Lawrence at Canton, Saturday, will open the 1928-29 basketball season for the Buff and Blue court squad this week-end.

Forced to play on floors much larger than the one on which they have been practicing, and with only a scant three weeks of preparation, the Hill quintet is at a distinct disadvantage. In addition to other troubles, Coach Weber has been obliged to break in several new men, and according to present indication may start an entirely new scoring combination transferred intact from last year's freshman team, Morris and Crowley, forwards, and Joseph Normile, center.

The back court combination of John Normile and Carpenter, guards, is ready to defend the Buff and Blue colors for the second consecutive year. Ably supported by Sherman, another seasoned applicant for a guard berth, the quintet need have little fear of a weak defense.

The trio of sophomores profiting from the tutelage of Coach Weber during their freshman year, is likely to inoculate the Hill quintet with a different brand of offensive and at the same time display some speedy, if not experienced court work. Their effectiveness as a working combination in varsity games remains to be tried. Should a change be necessary, Hiler, a member of last year's squad, will be likely to receive the first call.

Hamilton may well expect some competition of the sterner type this week-end. The squad is anxious to get revenge on both Clarkson and St. Lawrence for defeats suffered last year, and particularly for a disheartening game with the latter institution at Canton in which Burkman ran wild in the last few minutes to give St. Lawrence its only lead of the game. In an earlier game at Clinton, St. Lawrence trounced the Hamiltonians by a comfortable margin, Burkman again leading the scoring. This star, who captained the Larries in 1927, and who was one of the best basketball players in the East, will be missed this year. Clarkson defeated the Buff and Blue last year by an eight point margin, when the Hamiltonians shot wildly and made poor use of their many opportunities to score.

Plenty of foul shooting and scrimmage is a part of the daily schedule in practice recently. In an attempt to make the best of the brief period before the northern trip, Coach Weber has featured scrimmages from the first. His greatest fear is that the practice in scrimmage gained on the Hamilton court, may prove of little avail, when the team plays on the large floors of both Clarkson and St. Lawrence.

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Elizabethan Program Is Indefinitely Postponed

Owing to the illness of Professor Shute, the entertainment scheduled for Friday evening, December 8th, under the auspices of the Musical Art Society, will not be held.

The program which was to consist of Elizabethan folk dances and madrigals, was to be presented by some of the most talented vocalists in this section, together with folk dancers from Rochester. The large number of persons in the concert makes it impossible to arrange another date this semester, but hope has been expressed that it may be held at some time during the second term.

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De Pauw University students were permitted to celebrate their football team's victory over Wabash with two extra days' vacation at Thanksgiving time, according to an announcement by President G. B. Oxnam. It was De Pauw's first victory in eight years over Wabash. The score was 20 to 12.

PROF. FANCHER PLANS YULETIDE ENTERTAINMENT

Members of Dramatic Class Will Present Annual Miracle Play

IS PLANNED FOR DEC. 16

Choir Will Give Recital Of Christmas Music

The eighth annual Christmas program arranged by Prof. Paul A. Fancher for Hamilton College, will be given Sunday night, December 16, at 8 p. m., in the Hall of Commons. As in former years the program will take the form of a recital of Christmas music by the Hamilton College Choir and the presentation of a miracle play by members of the Dramatic Interpretation Class.

The program this year promises to equal or surpass anything which has been given in former years and to attract to the Hall of Commons a capacity audience of more than 600. The brillaincy of the performance and the Christmas spiirt which annually prevades it all, has made the Yuletide gathering one of the best known and most widely praised traditions on the Hill.

This year Hamilton College will hear for the first time in an evening program, the 1928-29 choir group of 60 men, the largest group that has ever represented the college. The loss of nearly 20 men by graduation or by failure to return, has caused the greatest change in choir membership that has ever taken place in any two consecutive years. Likewise the new men, 20 in all, were selected from the largest group of applicants that has ever applied for membership in the choir.

The choir program, largely made up of carols, is in many ways similar to the one given in 1927. Among the old favorites, such as "Touro-Louro-Louro" and "Good King Wenceslas," Prof. Fancher has introduced three new numbers that have never before been attempted by the choir. These are "Joseph, Lieber Joseph Mein," a very popular 17th century German carol, "Bring A Torch Jeannette," an old French carol and "Of the Father's Love Begotten," the first hymn ever sung by the choir to a plain song setting at Christmas time.

The miracle play is the same as that which was given two years ago, a 16th century guild production of the Shearman and Taylors of Coventry. It is distinguished from that of last year in the part of Herod and the Court Jester, which in this year's play is much more fully developed into comedy. In other respects it is not dissimilar to the miracle play typical of the late Middle Ages, and of course, follows the theme provided by the story of the Saviour's birth. There is every reason to believe that its production this year will be particularly successful inasmuch as Prof. Fancher has a good all round cast from which to make fortunate selections.

Admission is by ticket only. Tickets for undergraduates may be secured from the office of Wallace Johnson up to Wednesday, December 12. Tickets not taken by the undergraduates will be given to alumni and friends of the college upon application at that office.

The cast: The three kings, Jarrett, Van Loon and V. Ives; the three

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Combs Will Represent Pi Delt at Convention

Hamilton Chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon will be represented by Paul V. Combs, president, at the national convention of the fraternity to be held from Thursday, December 6th until the following Saturday at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. Representatives from all chapters in the country will be present.

The national president of the order, Professor George M. Sparks, of the public relations department at Georgia Tech, will have charge, assisted by the national secretary, H. E. Lobdell, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Senator Walter F. George, one of the most prominent of southern statesmen will address the gathering at the final dinner at the Georgian Terrace Hotel Saturday evening.

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"Inasmuch as law doth stand upon reason, to allege reason serveth as well as to cite Scripture."—Richard Hooker.

A COMPROMISE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING

This is an attempt at compromise and as such will probably satisfy no one, least of all those who are vitally interested in either abolishing or retaining the present public speaking courses at Hamilton. It can be said, however, of compromises that they are easier to obtain than complete victories and that they occasionally represent the opinion of the silent majority who are neither conservative nor radical enough to make their wishes known.

If the American college is to give its students nothing else of practical value, it should, at least, give them a highly efficient command of the English language, written and spoken. Such is the aim of compulsory public speaking. We must face the facts. We must admit this aim, and not oppose public speaking as representing Ciceronean oratory or nineteenth century elocution.

The question, therefore, is this: Is a four-year course in public speaking the best way to give the student a good command of spoken and written English? The public speaking department says, **Yes.** The few undergraduates who can, strictly speaking, be said to have opinions, frequently say No. Our answer is a highly qualified yes—so highly qualified, in fact, that its effect is somewhat negative.

The only alternative to public speaking that could be expected to have the same aim is English composition. In support of that contention, witness the fact that the two subjects are grouped in one department. Now whatever can be said about the respective merits of the two courses in fulfilling their aim, it must be admitted that to most students one is more desirable than the other. A passionate desire to speak well and to write well does not often exist in the same person. Their ability to do both may be approximately equal; but not so their desire.

We get out of a subject exactly what we put into it. If a subject interests us, we spend more time on that subject and are rewarded proportionately. Our argument, therefore, is this: Since public speaking and English composition are means to the same end, and since some students prefer one, and others the other, then let all students be given an opportunity to choose. Whatever merits public speaking is supposed to have over English composition would be equalized by the fact that the followers of the latter are presumably those more interested in the written than in the spoken word, or if not interested in either, they would be those impossible men who considered their selection the lesser of two necessary evils.

In the light of the above, and with the further conviction that some public speaking and some English composition are necessary, I would suggest a plan similar to the following. Let every freshman take six semester hours of public speaking; let every sophomore take six semester hours of English composition and finally let every junior take six semester hours of either one. Optional intensive courses in both should be offered during the senior year, particularly for those desiring majors; these would equal other electives in curricular value.

Among its other advantages, the plan would enable all students interested in writing to develop their talents regardless of their ability. As it is today, the higher courses in English composition, which are among the most interesting and valuable in college, are restricted to those earning high averages in the subject. Under such a plan, while new courses would be offered, these present courses, far too valuable to be lost, could be continued as additional electives under the same restrictions.

This same plan would abolish one and two hour courses which—no matter how well taught—lack the intensiveness and continuity of those having three recitations a week, and would, following the modern tendency, give seniors more freedom in their elective choice.

The plan in itself is not particularly radical. It would serve merely to divert student training into two streams, probably of equal volume. Neither is the plan impractical. The department as it stands is perfectly adaptable to the change and is capable of carrying it into effect without change of equipment or of personnel. And finally, Hamilton traditions, the shrine at which we worship, often rightly, would not suffer. The reputation of Hamilton is the product of its whole, and who shall say that it rests entirely or even substantially on any one of its parts?

D. H. B., '30.

STUDENTS DEFY COLLEGE BOARD

An ultimatum declaring they would quit their classes until President Bert Wilson was removed as head of Eureka college was the reply of the student body to the college board of trustees, which last week voiced its confidence in Dr. Wilson and refused his resignation.

The action in defiance of the trustees was taken at a midnight meeting summoned by students who tolled the college memorial bell and sent messengers through the streets summoning pajama-clad students, alumni, faculty members and business men to the protest meeting which broke up at 3 o'clock with the students expressing their intention to remain away from classes after the Thanksgiving holiday.

The college president incurred the displeasure of the students when, pursuing a financial retrenchment program with the approval of the trustees, several popular professors were dismissed. In protest, the students, almost unanimous in their sentiment, called for Dr. Wilson's resignation. He offered it and recently the board convened to consider the situation.

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For the second time in four years the Alumni Association of Hamilton College presented a trophy in the form of a silver cup, which will be awarded to the team in the P. S. A. L. hockey tournament which wins the New York City championship for three years. The last trophy, which was put up by the same body in 1925, was won by the defending champion, Jamaica, which captured the title three times in a row.

Looking Backward

The young ladies of the Stone Church gave a College Fair this week, and Hamilton colors were much in evidence and were accorded a place of honor.
—**Hamilton Life,** December 5, 1908.

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It is well known that Hamilton stands first and foremost for a certain clean-cut success in all activities. No detail will be spared to make the coming Junior Prom of February 11 to 13, the greatest and best prom of the century. The Gym, for instance, is to be lighted by electricity, and it is hoped that this innovation is to be permanent. A booth for those men who ordinarily would have none, will be provided, if enough of them signify their intention of attending. The programs and refreshments will be enforced wherever possible, and great care will be taken to insure perfect service. The Junior Class needs our support and has a right to expect it. Give her an invitation for a Christmas present.
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Today will be the last Senior Chapel. Appropriate farewell addresses will be given.
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Every Freshman is especially urged to attend the Freshman Bible Class this Sunday.
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College Men Score Rough Initiation

The "rough-house" initiation, as an introduction to college fraternity life, although upheld in debate at the recent Interfraternity Conference at Hotel Pennsylvania, was generally condemned in the discussions that followed. The Conference reaffirmed its position in opposition to the practice and proposed methods to further discourage the so-called "hell week" in American universities.

The affirmative in the debate, "Resolved: That rough-house initiation should be abolished," was taken by Lewis D. Syester, Ohio Wesleyan senior and member of Phi Kappa Psi. Donald Sherbondy, a junior in Alpha Sigma Phi,, although opposed to rough-house initiations, took the negative for the sake of argument.

Syester asserted that abolition was expedient because rough-house initiation tended to diminish the prestige of the fraternity system. Serious accidents, he said, were bound to occur. For every "black eye" the fraternity gave a freshman, he thought, it received two "black eyes."

"If there were any psychological value of getting the fraternity across by rough methods," he argued, "it would have been incorporated long ago. Rough-house initiation produces no constructive benefits and seriously undermines the basic spirit of fraternities."

Sherbondy contended that the rough-house initiation served to make the ritual service that followed more impressive. He said there was no "wave" of public opposition to the system of rough-house initiation. He thought that everything "indecent" should be abolished and that the initiation should vary to fit the physical condition of the individual. He admitted there were abuses in the practice but in only a few of the chapters.

Earl O. Butcher Made Doctor of Philosophy

Earl O. Butcher, Assistant Professor of Biology, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Cornell on December 1st. Dr. Butcher came to the Hill this Fall to succeed Mr. Meader, who is studying for his doctor's degree at Yale. While an undergraduate at DePauw University, he did considerable work in biology under Dr. Hess, with whom he is now associated here. He gained his A. B. at DePauw in 1925, and his M. A. at Cornell in 1926. He served at Cornell as an assistant for one year and as an instructor for two years. He is the author of several research articles.

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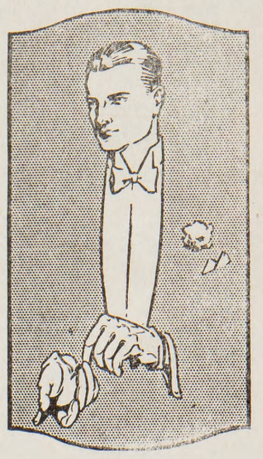

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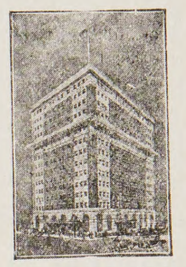

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"I find that many sophomores have neither the desire nor the ability to do graduate work."—W. X. Y. Z. Laves.

"There isn't an appealing larynx in the class."—Bostwick Marsh.

"I am still batting around the .400 mark.—Happy Bull Durham.

"I have always wondered why mathematics proved such a stumbling block for freshmen."—Horace Seelyham Brown.

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Dear Carpe,

We want that you should razz Cassius Curtis on account of he thinks we like his lab so much. In the first place, Carpe, his name can't be Cassius because nobody's name is Cassius these days. He ought to be called Mephistophiles in account of he is so delightfully diabollic—he has the most piercing glance, sixty degree eyebrows, and the cutest horns.

Meph was a Williams man and I wonder if all Williams men are sort of profound because look at Prexy. Meph was interested in dramatics in College. He had the leading role in a miracle play—he was the miracle. Meph is the guy the Psi U's tried to pledge up, only Stophy is a D. U. so he naturally joined the faculty. Is it true that he was kicked out of five eastern colleges or is that just malicious slander?

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If I were Prexy, in a trice
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Oh Sammy, I hear those chapel bells on high.
Oh Sammy, they're ringing out the call to fly.
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To always hear them, breaking the calm of winter air.
Oh Sammy, when Sunday comes, I hear their call.
Oh Sammy, they do not let me sleep at all.
I'll bless the dawn when I awake to find them gone.
Oh Sammy, I curse them, I do!

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Enter Our Bartenders' Contest

Inspired by the indefatigable researches of some of our alumni correspondents on the strange case of the bartender who looks like Bill Squires, Carpe has decided to offer a prize to the man who finds the bartender most closely resembling Gigi Wisewell. The prize will be a handsomely bound black notebook.

The rules of the contest are as follows:

1. Each competitor must submit an untouched photograph of his barkeep.
2. Competition closes when Harry Harmon passes French 3.

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OUR OWN NEW YORK NEWS LETTER

(Circulation Department Please Note)

The fact that people are reading these effusions, and getting sore about seeing their names mentioned herein, and writing snooty letters calculated to bring blushes of shame to our cheeks doesn't make us sore at all. For after all, if we make two or three distinguished alumni take a little more interest in the pages of "Life," we will feel that we have earned our subscription. Take Jackie King, for instance. Doesn't he cut classes every Thursday morning so that he can be the first to receive the community copy of "Life" that the mail man brings to the inmates of P. and S? And it isn't because he wants to read about the last meeting of the History Club, either. He wants, if you must know, to see whether we've told Carpe about that party when he and Preston—but we haven't. Not yet. And look, if you will, at Jay Kay. He even went to the trouble of teaching us a Manhattan geography lesson through the medium of Carpe. That's our idea of swell circulation building.

To get down to business, however. We ran into Don Strong, ('27) '28 in the Grand Central the other day. He has just emerged from a sojourn in the hospital, and expects, when he has completely recovered from the effects of an operation for something or other, to startle the business world by applying for a job somewhere.

You may have noticed that Hamilton joined the list of "big timers" on the air the other night when "Carissima" was given a prominent place on the Ipana program of college songs. After listening to the rendition of Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Wisconsin songs, we were a bit startled and very much pleased to hear the announcer say, "And now, for the Hamilton graduates, 'Ca-rees-ee-maw'." Although we'd rather have heard it as a song, the Ipana violinist made a very nice solo out of it.

MORE LIKE BACHMANN! ! !

"You are young, Mister—," the freshman said,
"And your face is exceedingly flat,
"And you haven't a brain in the whole of your head;
"Pray, what is the reason of that?"
"In my youth," replied—, as he turned a pale green,
"I was hit by a seven-ton truck,
"And the ponderous weight of that heavy machine
"Has caused me to run all amuck."
"Your teaching, dear—, is not of the best,
"And you act like a monkey in class,
"Yet you set us a hell of a difficult test;
"How do you expect us to pass?"
"As an infant," said—, "If I don't think amiss,
"I was rabidly bit by a pup;
"And the strange inhibitions resulting from this
"Have caused me to never grow up."

HONOR CODE FOR WESLEYAN TO BE STRENGTHENED

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little common decency and regard for his own name that he continues to violate his pledge of honor, we believe that he is a disgrace to the college, and that it is then the duty of every selfrespecting student to see to it that he does not remain among us. We believe that, in such cases, reporting him to the committee is a binding obligatoin on any man in a position to do so.

"We therefore pledge ourselves to maintain and enforce the honor system in every possible way, both in our own groups and in the college as a whole. We pledge ourselves, whenever we observe cheating to take some kind of definite action, such as, (1) speaking directly to the man concerned; (2) reporting to the president of his fraternity; (3) reporting to the honor system committee."

In addition to the pledge, the editor of the Argus, himself a signer, takes the matter still further. The editorial in the November 19, 1928, issue points out that:

"The man who cheats is knocking the foundations from under his self-respect, of course. But he is doing a great deal more than that: He is breaking down the self respect of the college of which he claims to be a member. Moral health is at least as important as physical health; and the man who cheats is pumping moral disease germs into the arteries of the college, through the example he sets to other weak-willed and weak-minded adolescents. As a matter of pure self-defense, we must do everything possible to keep out these germs.

"There should be fair warnings, of course. The very fact that those who cheat are usually weak-willed, and the fact that they seldom realize how thoroughly they are despised by many of their fellow-students, should move us to give them a perfectly clear idea of how the rest of us feel on the subject. But if in any individual case the ounce of preevntion does not prove effective, then the pound of cure should be applied, swiftly and with absolute certainty."

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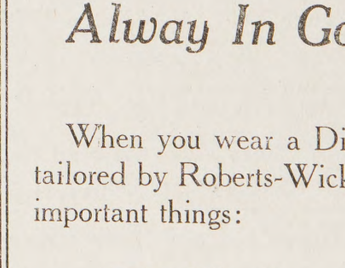

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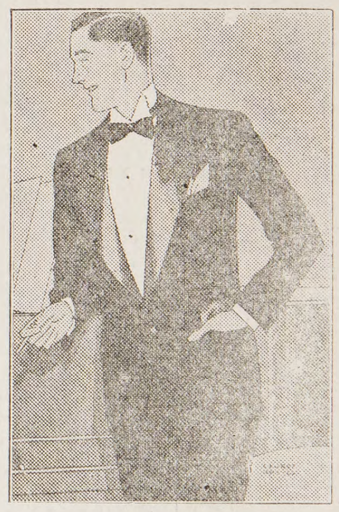

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Teacher Eliminates Cheating During Exams.

Professor Howard B. Woolston of the sociology department at the University of Washington, has devised a method of preventing cheating in examinations. The western educator asks general questions that force his students to think and eliminates cramming.

"I ask general questions which make students think, and use practically the knowledge which they are supposed to have gleaned from the course," he said.

"Professors who give examinations where students are supposed to write a list of facts from memory are only fooling themselves. The students cram themselves full of the stressed points in the course and forget them as soon as they are out of the class room. If they don't do that, they cheat. My plan is to get away from both.

"I've used this plan for three years, and it works. I ask students to either illustrate some important point brought out in the lecture, or to work out a comment on some of the points, using their books and notes."

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DON'T GO TO LECTURES, SAYS VISITING DEBATER

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filled a good part of the morning with groups discussing things more or less in general," he continued. "In the afternoon there are sports, of course. Then in the evening, there are numerous essay clubs and the like where the men sit over their malt and discuss things perhaps a little more in particular. There is much more discussion going on in English universities than in America. Very little reading. Oxford is the worst place immaginable to work."

"Most of the reading is done over the vacations, and in the summer. That allows plenty of time for the Americans to see England or France, or whatever they like. Oxford is really becoming more American each year."

"The reason we don't read what the tutor suggests is that it is all general material. Specific work is what you want to get into. All you have to do at Oxford is to learn one thing thoroughly. On the examinations one gets a choice of three or four out of fifteen questions. Old examinations are searched with care, and the reading is planned accordingly. Hence, efficient men get seconds, while conscientious women take thirds or fourths."

Twenty Years Ago!

When Dr. Stryker was consulted on the lighting of the Gym with electricity not only for the Junior Prom but hereafter, he stated that he would allow no permanent lighting to be put in. But this he did say, and may be correct, **that within two years Hamilton College will have a new Gym!—Hamilton Life,** December 5, 1908.

LATEST WHO'S WHO LISTS 72 GRADUATES OF HAMILTON

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A. M. Drummond, '06, and Ralph W. Swetman, '07.

Lawyers: Louis Boisot, '77; Samuel A. Beardsley, '79; Reuben L. Maynard, '84; W. H. Hotchkiss, '86; Abram R. Serven; '87; George H. Minor, '90; Thomas J. Mangan, '94; James W. Carmalt, '95.

Journalists: Thomas H. Norton, '73; Chester S. Lord, '73; Clinton Scollard, '81; Samuel Hopkins Adams, '91; Ezra W. Pound, '05; Paul B. Williams, '08; Alexander Woollcott, '09, and John V. A. Weaver, '14.

Clergymen: Samuel J. Fisher, '67; David R. Breed, '67; Charles F. Goss, '73; George S. Webster, '78; Anthony H. Evans, '82; E. H. Jenks, '86; James B. Lee, '86, and Charles K. Gilbert, '02.

Judges: George F. Lyon, '72; A. E. Blackmar, '74; P. C. J. DeAngelis, '75; W. W. Clark, '78; Charles Amidon, '82; Edward N. Smith, '90, and Edwin R. Wright, '98.

Surgeons: W. P. Northrup, '72; N. E. Paine, '74, and George E. Brewer, '81.

Business Men: Alexander C. Soper, '67; Charles B. Rogers, '87, and Oren Root, '94.

Congressmen: James McLachlan, '78; Warren I. Lee, '90; Joseph I. France, '95.

Cabinet Members: Elihu Root, '64; V. H. Metcalf, '77.

Diplomatic Service: William M. Collier, '71; Joseph R. Baker, '93.

Miscellaneous: James Brigham, '71; librarian; Charles E. Edgerton, '82, Federal Trade Commissioner; Frederick V. Coville, '87, botanist; F. I. Cairns, '87, mining engineer; Ralph W. Stone, '99, geologist; Rev. Edward J. Ward, '02, social engineer; William P. Capes, director of New York Bureau of Municipal Information; and C. P. Fitch, veterinarian.

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Lester A. Fanning, '28, and Ernest N. Warren, '28, were visitors on the Hill over the week-end. Both are first year law students at Cornell, where they were recently elected to Delta Theta Phi, national honorary law fraternity

Kentucky Students Order a Dry Campus

The men's student council of the University of Kentucky recently declared that the university campus must go dry.

The council is the most powerful of all university student bodies. Resolutions signed by James R. Hestor, its president, said:

"The constant infraction of the prohibition act by a minority is encroaching upon the social rights of the majority and endangering the future of the reputation of the university and the provision for social life of the students."

The pronounceemnt was made in The Kentucky Kernel, official organ of the university. The campus leaders' honorary fraternity, Omekron Delta Kappa, advocates and supports the action, Henry Maddox, president of that organization, announced. The student council declared it had resolved to "exercise its authority to reprimand or expel such violators." University authorities support the movement in its entirety.

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PROF. FANCHER PLANS YULETIDE ENTERTAINMENT

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shepherds, T. Ingalls, Rockino, and L. Jones; St. Joseph, Dillenbeck; St. Mary, Pratt; Isaiah, Lloyd George; Gabrial, E. Stevens; Herod, F. Ellison; the jester, H. H. Harwood; and Roman soldiers, Law and Homrighouse.

The choir program:

While By My Sheep, A Seventeenth Century Hymn.

Hush My Dear, Lie Still, Johann Sebastian Bach, A Choral from the "Christmas Oratorio."

Joseph, Lieber Joseph Mein, A Seventeenth Century Carol.

Of the Father's Love Begotten, A Plain Song Hymn of the Sixteenth Century.

Le Miracle de Saint Nicolas, An Old French Carol.

Bring A Torch, Jeannette, An Old French Carol.

The Son of God is Born for All, Michael Praetorius.

Touro-Louro-Louro, Nicholas Saboly.

Good King Wenceslas, An Old English Carol.

Press Board Completes Unusually Busy Season

An extremely busy Fall session has marked the work of the Hamilton College Press Board. Due probably to this year's excellent football team more requests for news were received from newspapers in the principal eastern cities than ever before in the history of the organization. The Board, under the direction of George Clark, was able to comply with these requests only through diligent effort on the part of all its members.

The high spot in its work this year was the dispatching of more than six thousand words to various newspapers throughout the East and as far west as Akron, Ohio, on the day of the Haverford football game and the New York State inter-scholastic cross-country meet. A daily story to the New York Times on football practice for the last three weeks of the season also featured the work of this organization.

In carrying on its work the Board had to overcome the handicap of inadequate facilities for the prompt dispatching of news. Since there is no Western Union office in Clinton all writeups of games had to be rushed into Utica and a delay of three quarters of an hour to an hour was encountered. Frequently this delay would cause the story to miss the editions of the New York Sunday newspapers which are sent to this vicinity.

The work of the Press Board is not, however, confined only to the realm of sports. Numerous personal stories have been sent out this year to home town newspapers acquainting them with the success of local boys on the campus. Members of the Board are constantly on the alert for news which will spread the fame of Hamilton.

Despite the fact that members of this body receive no remuneration for their efforts and that their deeds are for the most part unknown in the halls of their Alma Mater the efficiency of the Board is constantly at a high pitch. Members of the organization are selected on a competitive basis and it is expected that Chairman Clark will announce the annual sophomore competition within the next week.

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